

THE DISCOVERY OF

A great and wicked Conspiracie
against this Kingdome in generall, and
the City of *London* in particular.

Being a Letter sent from the HAGUE in
HOLLAND, and directed to Secretary *Nich las*,
but intercepted by the way, and read in both
Houses of Parliament on Saturday the 26
of November, 1642.

Also what great preparation of Money, men, and
Armes, there is made in Holland, France, and Denmarke,
to assist the Kings Majesty in England.

With the manner how the said Letter was in-
tercepted and taken.

Wherunto is added,

An Order by the Lord Major, for the rayling of
of 3000 li. in the City of *London*, by vertue of an
Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament.

Sabbathi, 26. Novemb. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in
Parliament, that this Letter shall be forthwith
Printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches
within the City of *London*, and the Suburbs thereof by
the Parsons, Vicars, or Curats of the same.

John Brown, Cler. Parl.

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The Discovery of a great & wicked Conspiracy against this Kingdome in gene- rall, and the City of *London* in particular.

IT is now long since I had the opportunity of writing to you, but since my first have not heard any thing from you at all; the occasion of our long stay here, was first the expectation of our Irish Ships, next the raising money, which the proposition of *Newcastle* drew as fast as it could advance, the failing of the Ships had it not beene supplied by the reputation of the Kings successe at Land, had given us a dangerous blow here; but that hath so supported our credit, that the Prince of *Orange* hath since playd his part, and advanced all those sums we were to expect, of which 20000 *li.* is sent towards you, 20000 *li.* to *Newcastle*, & 20000 *li.* at least we bring with us, besides the great busines which we expect this day a finall end of, which wil advance 60000 *li.* more in which we are ascertained of the Prince of *Orange* his utmost power; such nevertheless we apprehend the importance of the *Queenes* being in *England*, that we had gone this last weeke and expected the coming of that after, had not an unreasonable complement from your side stopt us, till this expresse sent to you: the fleet is now ready, and this weeke we certainly goe, if those counsels, or chances, that move to dilatory resolutions, move not more effectually then the certaine advantages of our expedition and dispatch from hence, all our affaires now done

and nothing more to be expected. That you may know upon what grounds we goe, and what security we expect there, and what advantage you in the South are to derive from it, you must know we have sent over 10000 foot armes, besides the Garison neere 2000 horse armes; and 20 peece of Canon, we bring over Waggones, and all accommodation to march so soon as we arrive, we carry very considerable Officers from hence, and by the advice we receive from that side 8000 men are on foote already, 6 Troops of Horse, and the rest will not be long on raising after we come there. Generall King is designed for Lieutenant Generall, hath bene with the Queen; and will be suddenly there, from *Denmarke* are likewise sent armes for 20000 foot, and 1500 horse, with a traine of Artillery and every thing proportionable, to the very Drums and Halberds. Two good men of warre come their convoy, and in them an Embassadour to his Majesty, 2 person of great quality in *Denmark*, I hope it will be a generall care there to see him Nobly treated, for the entertainment and neglect of the last was much complained of, and is so much insented by the King, that it had like to have frustrated all our expectations in that Court had not *Gochran* very handsomly evaded it, he comes along with the Embassadour, with whom if you encounter you will communicate some propositions of great importance, which in how much the fewer hands they are carried, will be so much the better liked by them you are to deale with, if my employment in this affaire may fall upon your servant that writes to you, I know you will not be unkindfull of him.

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We have great apprehension here by something intiminated from my Lord of Holland, of a treaty farther entred into then we have advertisement of, or can well approve, we have confidently beleevd your approaching London, (if you had not made too long stay upon the way), would have determind that matter, and what the difficulties are now of that we cannot yet understand, for if intelligences from hence came as freely to you as to us, the Kings party there are very considerable, and full of that expectation, and a day or two losse of time by the late example of Hull may be judged of what contrary consequences it may produce.

We heare my Lord of Essex approaches London, but believe he will be so waited on by the Kings Horse, not to let him joyne with their Forces there, being now so lame an Army without Horse or Canon, as the relation you send hither makes him to be. We believe the Kings Horse likewise now so great a body that it will be as troublesome as unnecessary for them to subsist together, and think so many Troopes might be well spared as might be sent into Kent, to countenance a party to be set on foot there; which according to our intelligence here would undoubtedly be found very affectionate and considerable, so that by sparing 500 Horse, you might possible adde to your Army 5000 Foote, to be employed upon the River on that side the Towne.

If the unhappy interception had not come of the last Weekes Letters we had undoubtedly beene with you on the other side in Norfolke and Essex, within three Weekes, and in that condition having

all the Kingdome behinde us on every side, it wil not be hard to iudge whether should have been better able to subsist, they within the Towne, or the Kings Army without; admit my Lord of *Essex* were gotten in, or that the Towne had not yeilded it selfe so soone as you had approached, you may yet certainly presume on this, that our being once on foote we shall be able to collect for you all the 400000 *li.* Subsidies, universally throughout the Kingdome, which will make the Kings Army subsist, and weare out theirs, besides which the money we bring, what we expect from *Denmarke*, and *France*, are all encouragements to make us expect no treaties to be admitted but upon termes of great advantage and Honour, to His Maiesty, those you are best able to iudge of upon the place. If the King have use of them I am confident you may expect from *France*, (so soone as you set footing in *Kent*, and shall intimate you desire the same) the three Regiments of his Maiesties owne Subjects there imployed, under Colonel *Hill*, Colonel *Fitzwilliams*, and Colonell *Beling* your letters directed to *Newcastle* will direct our addreses to *France*, for I hope wee shall yet be there before you can returne any in answer to this.

Hague, Novemb. 23 1642.

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The manner how the aforeſaid Letter was intercepted and taken,

ON Saturday morning the Gentleman that brought this Letter from Holland, came up to London in a Graveſend Boat, intending to land at Brainford, and therefore for the more Expedition ſhot the Bridge, which being perceived by one of the Pinnaces that lye on this ſide, for the guard of the City and Parliament, and being knowne to be a Graveſend Boat, which alwayes land on the other ſide at Billingsgate, they cal'd to them to know their buſineſſe, but they not regarding their Summons ſtill poſted away, whereupon the men in the Ship made after them, and hail'd them in, examined the Gentleman, and having ſome ſuſpicion ſearcht him, and found this with ſome other Letters about him, where upon they preſently carried him up to the Parliament, where after Examination, his Letters were taken from him, and he committed to ſafe cuſtody.

This (Letter as it is ſuppoſed) was writ by Colonell Goring.

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V Hereas certain Letters from *foreign Parts* and severall places of the Kingdome have lately beene intercept.d. and brought unto the Parliament, discovering the desperate designs and Plots of *Papists*, and others ill affected, in collecting great Sums of Money, and providing many thousands of men and Amies, for the ruine of our Religion and Kingdom: For the pieto, vngard securing whereof, there is great necessity of a present and speedy supply of Money, that the Armie may suddenly advance, for preventing of the many outrages that the *Cavaliers* daily commit in severall places of this Kingdome at once; and in regard the but then hath hitherto lain upon the willing & well-affected persons, The Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament have passed an Ordinance, that all such persons as hitherto have not contributed, or not proportionable to their estates, upon the propositions of Parliament, for the safety of the Kingdome, shall be assessed and compelled to contribute and pay according to their abilitie. And forasmuch as monies cannot be advanced by Vertu of that Ordinance, to supply the urgent and pressing occasions of the Army; It is desired by a Committee of Lords and Commons, appoynted by the Parliament, for the advancing of monies, that a sum of 30000 *li.* might be raised by Tuesday in the afternoone, and all such as shall lend any monie for the present raising of the same, shall be repayed their monies so lent out, of the first monies that shall be collected upon the said Ordinance; and for the better advancing of this necessarie service, the Ministers of everie Parish are requested, publicly to stirre up their Parishoners hereunto, and that the Church-Wardens of everie Parish cause an Assembly of the Parishoners to morrow after Sermon, in the afternoone, that amongst them they raise a proportionable sum, and that upon Monday next, at three of the clocke in the afternoone the Church-Wardens appeare at *Guild-Hall* before the said Committee, to give an account of what monies they have raised.

Dated Novemb. 26. 1642.

Isaac Pennington Maior,

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